



E-Rate Funding—Guaranteed

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Letter of Appeal
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

The Monsignor Donovan High School (“MDHS”) hereby appeals the denial of its E-Rate application for Funding Year 2012-2013 due to the Red Light Rule.

BEN: 9468
Entity Name: Monsignor Donovan High School

The person who can most readily discuss this with you is the school’s E-Rate consultant:

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Funding information:

Funding Year: 2012
Form 471 #: 847818
FRNs: 2303079
2303112
2303211
2308153
2308187

MDHS corrected a USAC error, and in response, USAC went back five years and reduced previously approved funding, and sought recovery of disbursed funds. MDHS appealed this issue to the Commission, but the appeal was dismissed in the summer, while the E-Rate coordinator was not working. Before the E-Rate coordinator returned to work, MDHS was put on Red Light Status, and the FY 2012-2013 application was denied on August 13, 2012.

Funding was rescinded because of a USAC error, and the appeal was dismissed because the timely filed appeal was lost in the mail. Because the appeal was dismissed while the E-Rate

coordinator was not working, MDHS was not able to request review before going on Red Light Status. MDHS has submitted a request for review.

MDHS pointed out an error, knowing it would cost the school over \$4,000 in funding. What the school did not realize is that its honesty would cost over \$37,000 in previously disbursed funds and result in the denial of at least \$3,900.00 future funding. It is not in the public interest for the school to pay a very heavy price for its honesty.

MDHS asks that the Commission reverse USAC's denial of Form 471 #847818 and restore the school's funding for FY 2012-2013.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel P. Riordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent part.

Dan Riordan
President